

REMARKS

This paper is in response to the Notice of Allowance mailed 20 December 2005.

No claims are amended, no claims are canceled, and claims 110-183 are added; as a result, claims 1-35 and 110-183 are now pending in this application. The amendments to the claims are fully supported by the specification as originally filed. No new matter is introduced. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the amendments above and the remarks that follow.

Claims 36-109 were canceled by Examiner's Amendment in the abovementioned Notice of Allowance. In the Notice of Allowance, it is stated that "[t]his application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims 36-109 to a group of inventions non-elected without traverse." Applicant submits that election of claims without traverse does not preclude rejoinder of the non-elected claims in the same application for which an election was made. Claims 36-109 are added essentially as claims 110-183 (dependency in each claim 125-129 is corrected) to be equivalently rejoined in this application as requested in Applicant's reply mailed 3 October 2005.

New Claims

Independent claims 110 and 120 include the features of claim 1 and 12, respectively. Applicant submits that the claims dependent from independent claims 110 and 120 also include the features of claim 1 and 12, respectively. Independent claims 130 and 153, and claim 140 include features of forming the product of claims 1 and 12, respectively. Applicant submits that the claims dependent from independent claims 130 and 153, and claim 140 include features of forming the product of claims 1 and 12, respectively. Independent claim 164 and 174 include features of operating the product of claim 1 and a species of claim 22, respectively. Applicant submits that the claims dependent from independent claim 164 and 174 include features of operating the product of claim 1 and a species of claim 22, respectively.

In view of the rejoinder process as discussed in M.P.E.P. 821.04, Applicant respectfully requests consideration and allowance of claims 110 -183 in addition to allowance of claims 1-35.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 371-2157 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully Submitted,

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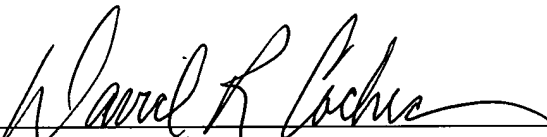
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